

INFORMATION BULLETIN

WELFARE-TO-WORK

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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS
PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS
WELFARE-TO-WORK 15 PERCENT SUBGRANTEES
COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES STAFF
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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR'S WTW 15 PERCENT SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS SFP

This information bulletin announces the Governor's Welfare-to-Work (WtW) 15 percent special project funds Solicitation for Proposal (SFP). The Employment Development Department (EDD) is requesting grant proposals for projects to help long-term recipients of welfare assistance enter unsubsidized jobs. Approximately \$19,000,000 in the Governor's 15 percent WtW grant funds are being made available to employers, private nonprofit and for profit organizations, and public entities through an SFP process. Interested parties are invited to submit proposals using the SFP guidelines.

Grantees will have great flexibility in designing WtW strategies geared to the needs of their own labor markets and economies. There is a range of activities that are allowable under the WtW Interim Final Rule issued November 18, 1997, by the Department of Labor (DOL). Allowable activities include job readiness; community service or work experience; job creation through public-sector or private-sector employment wage subsidies; on-the-job training; job placement services; post-employment services or job retention and support services; transportation assistance; substance abuse treatment; child care; and, emergency or short-term housing. Although a variety of innovative activities are authorized, program services need to be viewed overall as employment-based developmental steps to help individuals get and keep unsubsidized employment. The Governor's 15 percent funds may be used to pay for: 1) the costs of allowable activities (partial list of examples listed above); 2) the costs of administration of the WtW program; and 3) the cost of information technology (computer hardware and software) needed for monitoring or tracking.

A complete copy of the Interim Final Rule issued by DOL may be downloaded on the DOL WtW web site at: <http://wtw.doleta.gov>.

Proposals are due June 30, 1999. Bidders' Conferences will be held in Fresno, Oakland, Redding, San Diego, Anaheim, and Burbank. For dates and times, please refer to the SFP. Grant awards will be announced in September. A copy of the SFP is available in our Resource Information Center at www.edd.ca.gov/emptran.htm or copies may be obtained by faxing a request to the EDD Contract Services Group at (916) 657-4391 or by calling their bid line at (916) 653-5134.

If you have any questions, please e-mail to: JTPDLIB@edd.ca.gov . The subject line should read, "Welfare Grant."

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